

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the title and replace it with the following new title:

PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WITH VERTICAL HEATED AIR OUTLET

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/322,169, filed December 18, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,760,543.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

Figs. 7A and 7B illustrate the elevated heated exhaust air stream of ~~[[a]]~~ an electric heater according to the present invention compared to a conventional heater; ~~and~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

Fig. 8 illustrates another exemplary embodiment of the electric heater which includes a bracket for mounting to a surface~~[[.]]~~; and

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1:

Fig. 9 shows a non-operating configuration where the base is uncoupled from the housing for shipment.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 14, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

In one embodiment, base 128 can be uncoupled from housing 102. Base 128 can then be stored in package 900 along with housing 102 and all other components of electric heater 100 to economize space, as shown in Fig. 9. The space economization for storing electric

heater 100 can be used for shipping purposes, thus allowing more units in a given transport container (i.e. truck) and thereby reducing the overall cost per unit for transportation.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 11, and replace it with the following replacement paragraph:

Electric heater 100 may also include a controller, such as control assembly 126 mounted, for example, on top 107t of housing 102 for controlling one or more functions of the device, such as for example, the speed of blower assembly 110, the rotation or oscillation of the device, power on/off, etc. Alternatively, control assembly 126 may be mounted in base 128 or lower portion of housing 102[[],]. Alternatively, control of electric heater 100 may be accomplished by a remote control unit (~~not shown~~) 126a in conjunction with or as a replacement for control assembly 126.

Please delete the Abstract on page 41 and replace it with the following replacement Abstract:

A portable electric heater producing a vertically oriented, heated exhaust air stream at an elevation above a support surface is provided. A base contacting the support surface and supporting an elongate housing in a substantially vertical position from the support surface. An inlet opening allows air to enter the interior of the housing and a vertically oriented outlet opening allows a heated exhaust air stream to exit the housing. An air blower assembly and elongate electric heating element are disposed within the housing. The air blower assembly has a substantially vertically oriented axis of rotation and the electric heating element is substantially vertically oriented proximate the outlet opening. The flow of the exhaust air stream from the air impeller assembly toward the vertically oriented elongate electric heating element is a substantially direct and straight vector and substantially all of the exhaust air stream passes through the electric heating element.